



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5398

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO TRANSFER
HOSPITAL PATIENTS WHO RECEIVE MEDICAID BENEFITS TO
NURSING HOMES IN A TIMELY MANNER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, a
3 representative of an acute care hospital and a representative of a long-
4 term care facility, shall develop a plan to implement a pilot program to
5 decrease the period of time that Medicaid recipients, who require long-
6 term health care, remain hospitalized in an acute care hospital before
7 transfer to a long-term care facility. Said pilot program shall be
8 conducted in no less than two hospitals in the city of New Haven. Not
9 later than October 1, 2010, the Commissioner of Social Services shall
10 submit such plan to the joint standing committees of the General
11 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services,
12 public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.
13 Not later than thirty days after the date of receipt of such plan, said
14 joint standing committees of the General Assembly shall hold a joint
15 public hearing to review such plan. Said joint standing committees of
16 the General Assembly may advise the Commissioner of Social Services

17 of their approval, denial or modifications, if any, of the plan. The
18 Commissioner of Social Services shall modify the plan pursuant to said
19 committees' recommendations, if any. If said committees deny the
20 plan, the commissioner shall submit a new plan to said committees not
21 later than thirty days after the public hearing. Said committees shall
22 follow the procedures in this section with respect to the new plan. The
23 Commissioner of Social Services shall begin enrollment in the pilot
24 program, in accordance with the approved plan, not later than April 1,
25 2011.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program to place recipients of Medicaid and state-administered general assistance benefits with chronic long-term health care needs in the most appropriate and cost-effective setting.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]